

Trinity Episcopal Church
Collinsville, CT

March 5, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Service of Communion – Rite I

*Second Sunday
In Lent*

MISSION STATEMENT: "With God's love, we joyfully welcome and nourish all; with God's help, we serve our community and beyond."

Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all who worship with us this morning at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT -- those of you here in our sanctuary and those who join us by live-streaming.

At this time, the wearing of masks and social distancing are optional in the building and for those seated on the left side of the church. Rows on the right side of the church are set aside for those who prefer to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Please respect every individual's choice.

For those joining us at home, the service bulletin may be found at www.trinitycollinsville.org/bulletins.

The Book of Common Prayer is at www.BCPonline.org

Today we welcome The Rev. Marilyn Anderson who will preside and offer us Communion, and Carol Grazette, our substitute organist. We are grateful for the spiritual and musical gifts they bring to us.

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Prelude

Precession in Silence

Welcome

Opening Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise #401

Words: Thomas Olivers, Music: Leoni, Hebrew Melody

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height

his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee."

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People: His mercy endureth forever.

The Decalogue: Traditional (Please kneel as you are able.)

Celebrant: God spake these words, and said:
I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of
the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Thou shalt have none other gods but me.
People: Lord have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Honor thy father and thy mother.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt do no murder.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not covet.

People: Lord have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.

Celebrant: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our
sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty
God.

Confession: (continue kneeling as you are able) BCP 320

Almighty and most merciful father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep, we have followed too much

the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we
ought to have done, and we have done those
things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto
mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his
sake, that we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life to the glory of thy
holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you
absolution and remission of all your sins, true
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace
and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: Christ have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 12: 1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 121

Reader: I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of
heaven and earth.

Reader: He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

People: Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

Reader: The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

People: So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

Reader: The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

People: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your
coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?" "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe,

how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marilyn Anderson

Choir Anthem God So Loved the World

John Stainer, from “The Crucifixion”

The Nicene Creed (in unison) (all stand)

BCP p. 326

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

Choral Call to Prayer: O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Words and Music by Francesco Blackmore

The Prayers of the People

Form IV BCP p. 388

Those joining from home are invited to place your prayer requests in the online "chat box"; they will be lifted up during the Intercessions.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray especially for all those on our intercession list _____, and for those we name here. (*pause for the congregation to add their intercessions*)

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for our Congregation and our Vestry as we seek a new priest for our faith community. Guide us and give us wisdom and patience, that we may discern thy will for us, and that we will call a priest who will inspire us, care for us and bring us closer to thee.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for the churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; all ministires to, and, for women and the Girl's Friendly Society.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for peace in the world:

God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for those in all countries at risk and in fear. We pray for those who protect and defend our country. May your kingdom of justice and peace reign throughout the world. Amen.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy Spirit.

Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn And Now, O Father, Mindful of The Love #337

Words: William Bright Music: William Henry Monk

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee,
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo! between our sins and their reward,
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:

in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Doxology "Old Hundredth" Hymn 380 verse 3

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Louis Bourgeois

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own we have given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,

give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every
way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by
whose grace we are able to triumph over every
evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but
unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with
all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify
thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and
saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

(The people kneel or stand.)

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that
thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst
make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender
mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to
take our nature upon him, and to suffer death
upon the cross for our redemption. He made
there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole
world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel

command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread

and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

All: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: Grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness, but in thy manifold and great
mercies. We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But
thou art the same Lord whose property is

always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Invitation to Communion

All those who want to receive communion are now invited forward to the altar rail, following socially distancing guidelines. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar rail.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those at home and those who do not wish to receive physical communion are invited to pray the following words:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymn My Faith Looks Up to Thee #691

Words: Ray Palmer, Music: Lowell Mason

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away,

nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

Post Communion Prayer (in unison)

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son

Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us** #559

Words: James Edmeston Music: William Henry Monk

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us;
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering,
to thy passion thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;

love with every passion blending
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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to the Glory of God

Celebrating the Worship Service:

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home

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